GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for implementation of Backward Regions Grant Fund to various States including Uttar Pradesh through Zila Panchayats instead of Gram Panchayat;

(b) whether active participation of Gram Panchayat in various schemes of the Panchayati Raj System will be benefited to the three tiers of Panchayats; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (Dr. C.P. JOSHI)

(a): The Panchayats at the Village, Intermediate and District levels and the Municipalities, are positioned as institutions for planning and implementation under the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF). Exception to this is provided to States that are not covered by Part IX of the Constitution. The Panchayats at various tiers can plan and implement projects within their allocation and as per the functions assigned to them through the State laws.

(b) and (c): Under the BRGF, the participatory plans prepared by each Panchayat and Municipality are to be consolidated into the district plan by the District Planning Committee. In planning and implementation of the BRGF, active participation by each Panchayat and Municipality is envisaged so as to ensure that all the financial resources available in the district are used optimally without delay, diversion, duplication or leakage.